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SUBJECT: BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN ANGOLA'S REPORT ON
STATUS OF THE BENGUELA RAILROAD

REF: LUBUMBASHI 0913

1. BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ZAIRE DESK OFFICER
JAENEN GAVE US AUGUST 2 DETAILS OF BELGIAN AMBASSADOR
IN LUANDA LECOMTE'S REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE
BENGUELA RAILROAD. LECOMTE REPORTED THAT THE BENGUELA
RAILROAD WILL BE IN CONDITION TO FUNCTION AT 30
OF PRE-INDEPENDENCE CAPACITY ONCE THREE DAMAGED ELEMENTS
ARE REPAIRED:

- THE BROKEN BRIDGE AT THE ZAIRIAN FRONTIER
AT DILOLO (REFTEL);

- A SMALL BRIDGE BLASTED BY UNITA SOME THREE
WEEKS AGO NEAR CUIVA;

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- APPROXIMATELY 600 METERS OF BLASTED TRACK
200 KILOMETERS INLAND FROM LOBITO.

2. LECOMTE REPORTED THAT THE BENGUELA RAILROAD
WOULD STILL NOT BE ABLE TO GO ABOVE 30 CAPACITY UNTIL
THE REPAIR SHOPS AT HUAMBO (FORMERLY NOVA LISBOA)

ARE BACK IN OPERATING CONDITION. CHAMBERS

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